



Riverbend Park Field Trips

for pre-school and Kindergarten students

FALL 2006

Who: Preschool children ages 3-6

What: Naturalist-led programs

When: September 19- December 1, 2006. Reservations begin August 30, at 9:00a.m.

Where: Riverbend Park, Great Falls, Virginia

Why: Integrate SOL/Program of Studies with fun hands-on learning

How: Call (703) 759-9018.

Gift Bags: \$3.50/bag. The gift bag includes items from our gift shop relevant to the program your class is registered for. Please request gift bags when you reserve a field trip date.

Please note: All programs have a \$4/child fee. Minimum class size: 15. NON-FAIRFAX County schools have a \$5/child fee. Payment is due on the scheduled program date.

This flyer can be found online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend

Students are welcome to bring some extra money to shop at the nature gift store and snack bar. Please note these are located only at the Visitor Center. Your class can also pre-order gift bags as an alternative (see above).

Teachers If you would like to receive our school flyers via email please email Karen.Sheffield@fairfaxcounty.gov and write "teacher email list" in the subject line. Your email will not be shared with other organizations.

Fantastic Fall Walk –Experience the sounds, colors, and textures of fall in this ¼ mile discovery forest walk. Through activities, we'll use our senses to explore nature and learn how animals use theirs.

Location: Nature Center

Length: 45 minutes

Program of Studies/SOLs – K.2(a,b), K.4(a,b,c), K.8(b)

Squirrel's Tale - Hear the story of the squirrel searching for his cache of acorns. On our short hike we'll use our senses and explore the world of these high-climbing acrobats.

Location: Nature or Visitor Center

Length: 45 minutes

Program of Studies/SOLs – K.2(a), K.4(a,c), K.6(a,b), K.8(b)

Busy Beavers –Around our bedtime a beaver's day just begins. Through activities and a short walk learn about these fascinating and sometimes misunderstood animals.

Location: Nature or Visitor Center

Length: 45 minutes

Program of Studies/SOLs – K.2(a), K.6(a,b),

Hop, Slither, and Crawl – Activities and a short hike will introduce us to the fascinating lives of reptiles and amphibians. Meet some of our slimy and scaly critters up close.

Location: Nature Center

Length: 45 minutes

Program of Studies/SOLs – K.4(c), K.6(a,b,c)

Pee Wee Pow Wow - Learn about the Algonquian Indians who once lived in Fairfax County. Hands-on activities include magnet fishing and a Native American story.

Location: Nature or Visitor Center

Length: 45 minutes

Social Studies Program of Studies/SOLs – K.1(a), K.2

Riverbend Park’s fall pre-school field trip information is on the reverse side.

Winter Outreach Programs

Who: Age appropriate programs for pre-school and kindergarten
What: Naturalist-led programs
When: January and February, limited availability.
Where: A Riverbend naturalist comes to your school. Pre-school programs run about 45 minutes.
Why: Integrate SOL/Program of Studies with fun hands-on learning
How: Call (703) 759-9018.
Please note: The program fee is \$100 for the first class and \$4/student for each additional class program during the same visit. All NON-FAIRFAX county schools have a \$125 fee for the first class and a \$5/student fee for additional class program during the same visit.
Snow policy: If schools are delayed, closed early or canceled, the program will be canceled for that day. We will make an effort to reschedule your program.

Birds Around Us- Meet our red-tailed hawk, Emmy Lou, find out about bird life cycles, migration patterns and adaptations that make birds such fascinating animals. **Science Program of Studies/SOLs - K.1, K.6, K.8**

Winter Wonderland - Brrr! Come join the fun as we build a snowman, match frosty snowflakes, and hear a story. Find out which local animals hibernate, migrate and survive through a game and movement activity. **Program of Studies/SOLs - K.5(a); K.6(a)**

Animals Like Us - How are we similar to animals? Explore the lives of animals through the use of interactive sight, smell, touch and sight activities. **Program of Studies/SOLs - K.1(a, c, g); K.2(a,b); K.4**

Virginia Indian Festival Saturday, September 9, 10am-5pm

Riverbend Park hosts the Virginia Indian Festival, Saturday, September 9, 10am-5pm. Help craft a dugout canoe, enjoy live demonstrations and dancing, shoot arrows, throw a spear, and talk with tribe members, plus shop for pottery and jewelry. Participating tribes include the Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Chickahominy, Upper Mattaponi, and the Piscataway Nation. \$5/ person. No reservations required. Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls, VA (703) 759-9018.



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